

Revival Vitals

The Truths Prior to and Pertaining to an Outpouring of God's Power!

➔ As Charismatic Evangelicals, we preach and believe that there will be a "Latter Day outpouring" that will soon saturate this current generation.

➔ Ministers and Spiritual leaders have long encouraged this generation by identifying us as the 'Joshua Generation' (the follow-up generation) upon whom the Spirit of the Lord was going to accomplish much, especially in the area of wide-spread revival and its response.

Is that a True Assessment? --- I believe that it is!

Joel 2:28 & 29 – A passage pointing to the Pentecostal outpouring!

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Acts 2: 17-18 Peter refers to this passage - "This is that spoken by the prophet Joel

**** Is there a Promise for the 21st Century Church? ---I believe there is!***

The Law of Seasonal Expectation ➔ the Former and Latter rain!

Deu 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

This Passage shows for the fact that the Father has set in motion a law that will not change...in the harvest process there is always an early rain and a later rain. One comes at the beginning and the other near the end.

In the first century, on the Day of Pentecost, the early church experienced the early rain, NOW we who are a part of the Last-Days Church will experience the Latter Rain!

And the Good news is this: *The Latter shall be Greater than the Former!*

You can't improve on the Holy Ghost or the Quality of what He delivers, so the 'greater' part must refer to the extent of the outreach of the outpouring!

➔ Not in one room in one city, but in many places around the World!

➔ ➔ ➔ ***I believe that your life and the Great Harvest Ministry Center are one of those places!***

More than anything else we need an outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord!

If God is going to pour out of His Spirit, the Question for the day is – Will you choose to be a part **of the** outpouring or **apart from** the outpouring?



Revival by Definition:

Renewal / Reawakening / Renaissance

Generally ➔ "Restoration of LIFE (as though Dead)

Restoration of CONSCIOUSNESS (as though Asleep)

Restoration of VIGOR (as though Lethargic)

Restoration of STRENGTH." (as though Weakened)

Personally → “An Awakening to the Cares & Matters pertaining to one’s relationship with God!”

Hypothetically – We should never need revival → We have the Spirit & the Word what else do we need?

Practically – We know that we do → even in a church like ours...we still need the Spirit of the Lord to nudge us out of spiritual sluggishness and complacency and motivate us higher heights of personal Dedication, Consecration, and Commitment!

↳ ***From your Pastor’s heart:***

- ~ My passion for you and I is that we will grow in the Grace and the Knowledge of God and Recognize the **anointing** that is *available to us* and *is already* in our lives and the **power** that the Lord has afforded to us through His Son.
- ~ My passion for this Church is that we will not come one wit behind any plan that the Father has in mind for us to accomplish.
- ~ My passion for this Community is that the awakening that we come to enjoy will spill over into the streets of this city and will sweep every inhabitant into a vibrant relationship with their Creator.

In Short – I Want you and I and this church and this community to experience the eye-opening, soul-awakening that the outpouring of God’s Spirit brings as the fires of Revival Burn within us and around us to the Glory of God!

Now, Trying to definitively define the details of Revival is like trying to empty the ocean with a teacup...no matter how much effort you put towards the endeavor the result will yield less than the intention!

→ The Hope of this Pastor is that somehow the Holy Ghost will help me/help us to get a clearer apprehension of this necessary subject.

➤ ***Understanding the Arrival of Revival?***

➔ The pouring out from God’s Spirit has never been an occurrence left to chance. It is a calculable occasion that is preceded by an earnest Passion and an event of Prayer.

➔ Never in the history of the church or man has there been a time when the Spirit of the Lord was manifested among a people who had not sought Him out.

→ A move of God’s Spirit will not manifest in our midst through Random chance.

→ Revival will not ‘Just happen’ because we think that we would like for it to.

****An Outpouring is an Outcome of measures engaged by those Longing for God!***

1. REVIVAL IS A RESULT!

Personal or Corporate Revival is the End Result of...

✓ **Hungry Hearts:**

Psa 84:2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

- A 'Hungry Heart' is one that longs for God and for what God wants.
 - ~ Hearts Hungry for the Salvation of Souls!
 - ~ Hearts Hungry for the Demonstration of His Power!
 - ~ Hearts Hungry for the Sweet Sensation of His Presence!

Psa 42:1 ... As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

- Revival is the Result when the Body of Christ is *Hungry for Holiness & Thirsty for Righteousness...*

Psa 107:9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Revival comes when our attention is turned towards God!

2. REVIVAL IS A RESPONSE!

Personal or Corporate Revival is a Response to...

✓ Earnest Hearts:

- Earnest Hearts are those hearts that Sincerely Seek His Face:

~ Earnest in Prayer!

- Deu 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

- Psa 55:16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

➔ ***In the history of the church, every Great Move of God was paid for (or prayed for) by some Serious Supernatural Shakers!***

Old Testament:

1 Ki 18:36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.³⁷ Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

1 Ki 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell,

New Testament:

Acts 1:12 Then returned they (the Disciples & crew)

Acts 1:13 ... they went up into an upper room,

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,

☞ ***Earnest Hearts have always modeled the Means:***

→ From chapter two of the Book of Acts to the lowly sidewalks of Azusa Street to the doorsteps of the Brownsville Assembly of God - Revival has come on the heels of a unified effort of Earnest Prayer!

Revival comes when the Cost is paid by Christians who Pray!

3. REVIVAL IS A REVELATION

Personal or Corporate Revival is a Revealing of...

✓ Broken Hearts

- **A Broken Heart is one that is sorrowfully affected by the Word!**

Psa 34:17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

~ Hearts Convicted to Repent!

Broken by the revelation that comes from the preaching of the Word!

Mat 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

➔ The Two Greatest Revivals Recorded in the O. T. came by hearing the Word!

- II Kings 22 & 23: The Story of Josiah
- Jonah 1-4: Nineveh Repents

During a Revival (Personal & Corporate) The Word enjoys Resurgence!

➔ The Word (Heb 4:12)

- Is Actively Alive!
- Is Limitlessly Powerful!
- Is Soul Piercing!
- Is a Discerner of Thoughts!
- Is able to Analyze and Reveal the Motivations of our Intentions!

The Preached Word uncovers our needs and brings us to our knees!

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Revival comes as the Word is Preached and Repentance is Realized in the heart of God's People!

➤ ***What are the Results of Revival?***

People are...

A. Roused to Remember

2 Pet 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

What are we stirred to Remember?

– The truth of the promises that are ours through Jesus Christ!

Through the preaching of the Word – Hope rises / Faith Quickens/ Things Change...

➔ Nothing can jump-start a man's soul to the point of Excited Anticipation like the Life-giving, Soul-saving Word of God!

→ **Revival will always be centered on a return to the Word of God!**

→ Scripture serves as the core material from which Revival originates.

→ The number of emotional responses that are observed should never qualify a Revival, but validation should come by the reflection of the Word that is seen through the lives that are changed.

- *The tendency today is to say that if we have protracted services and new music and a large volume of emotional response ...then that in itself proves a Revival has come.*

✱ Revival is **not reflected** through Excited Emotions, but is **validated** through Excited Desires that have wakened to an appetite for Holy Living...a passion that is only birthed in the environment of the Word!

B. Reminded to Reach

(Mark 5:25-34 / Woman w/the issue of blood)

Mark 5:27 When she had **heard** of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, **If** I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

↪ *When we are thrust into the environment of the Presence of the Lord through the vehicle of Revival – Expectations begin to Flourish!*

This woman had been brought down by the misery of her condition...

The “quacktiononers” of her day had further robbed her Body & Bank account...

She had been brought to poverty, and the prospect of change had been lost...

Until the news that God was moving in the midst of her city reached her ears!

Jesus being the city is comparable to what happens when Revival breaks out in a church!

People begin to hear the reports of the great things that the Lord is doing and they begin to declare in their hearts what possibilities exist **IF** they can get to where Jesus (or Revival) is!

The Outbreak of Revival -- Revs the motor of our faith and reminds us that God’s grace is sufficient for my needs and that His touch is able to heal whatever my faith can believe Him for.

C. Release of the Rain

(Peter in the house of Cornelius)

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Peter was sharing the Word to this group of Non-Jews and God couldn't hold back any longer...He interrupted Peter's preaching by pouring out His Power!

↪ **Truth is:**

When folks will subject themselves to the Word, God will subject them to His WOW!

*~His WOW = His **Working in Our World***...a Deluge of His Power!*

** (Salvation / Holy Ghost Baptism / Healing / Deliverance / Gifts Given & in Operation)*

↪ UC → God is looking for every opportunity available to get involved in your life!

- ↪ God didn't intend for His Spiritual Gifts to be put on a shelf or under a glass!
 → *They are not purposed be only Examined but openly Exercised!*
 - *To: Edify /Exhort /Encourage /Empower / Enable & Equip!*

*** Believe it or not:** *God wants to Minister to you!*

To Deliver you / To Heal You / To Comfort You / To fill you with His Spirit

*** Bottom line:** Like with Peter and Cornelius – When the door of Willingness is open & the walls of “Stubbornness & Resistance“drop down...***God can Drop IN!***

➤ **Revival Review:**

→ Personal or Corporate Revival is the End Result of...

✓ **Hungry Hearts:** *Longing for More*

→ Personal or Corporate Revival is a Response to...

✓ **Earnest Hearts:** *Crying from the Floor*

→ Personal or Corporate Revival is a Revealing of...

✓ **Broken Hearts:** *Who have opened the Door thru Repentance*

➤ **What is the Result of Revival?**

People are...

Roused to Remember

His Promises are Many

Reminded to Reach

His Presence is Miraculous

Release of the Rain

His Power is Mighty

Let us come together for the purpose of a unified cry unto the Lord...

"Send down your rain Lord, Send down your latter day Holy Ghost Rain and satisfy our hearts and saturate our city with your Presence!"